

LETTERS OF DR. EDWARD PALMER IN THE GRAY HERBARIUM LIBRARY (Semi-historical files)

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Washington Oct 10-1892

Dr. B. S. Robinson

Dear Sir

I have just returned from my Mexican trip by way of California from present appearances may stay here this winter if so will overhaul my scrap notes of my various journeys. I would like a copy of Watsons paper containing the description of that new Corn Any thing you can send me regarding the plants collected by Pringle in Mexico

will be acceptable as I am
contemplating writing a paper
upon Mexican plants show-
ing how little reliance
can be placed upon native
name as often the same
plant has a different name
where ever found and not
always the same uses
attributed to it

Let me know if any
cost attend them that I
may return it

Yours sincerely
Edward Palmer

1414 Sixteenth Street
Washington City
D. C.

1892
L. B. 1971

Washington Nov 20

Prof Robinson

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your
recent paper sent me

Can you inform me what
localities Pingle visited
this year and where does he
propose to visit next year

I have yet no plans for
the future

Can you inform me if there
was any catalogue published
of the collection of plants made
by me in 1876 Dr Gray & Watson
worked them up and was there
any separate catalogue of the
Mexican plants collected by Parry.

78. Proc 15.
76 Breeding 17

and myself in Mexico-
year 1878

Please find returned the
List of plants with native
names, with the hope you can
have added there to the
uses for which they are ap-
plied, should Prof Dyer have
informed you

Yours very truly
Edward Palmer
1414 Sixteenth Street
Washington City
D.C.

Washington Dec 9 - 1892

Henry E. Seaton Esq

Dear Sir

In your communication of Nov 30
you was pleased to offer me reprints from
the Proc. A. A. A. catalogues of my 1876 and
1878 collections of plants. Please send copies
also any reprints you may have before 1876

It is some years since I was in Cambridge
Am contemplating a visit before many months
but desire to see Pringle so must wait
untill after his return. Please present
my compliments to Prof Robinson.

Yours very truly
Edward Palmer

1414 Sixteenth St
Washington City
D. C.

Washington Dec 25-1892

Henry E. Seaton Esq

My dear Sir

Thanks for the
reprints they are satisfactory
Those you could not sup-
ply, the Department of
Agriculture has, so I can
procure the desired infor-
mation from that source

Please find inclosed stamps
(60 cents)

Very truly

Edward Palmer

Offered to
take 1 or 2
sets for 15¢ per
specimen or
even more if
necessary
B.L.R.

Washington May 9-1894

My dear Dr. Robinson.

The Department of Agriculture decided yesterday that they could not send me into the field this year. So I have decided to make a journey to Topolobampo Sinaloa Mexico. To day write to Guaymas to ascertain what chances there are now of getting there the steamer that did occasionally go that way is no more, and the stage ride is so costly. And if the Rivers are swollen you cannot cross. So will get ready and take the fall and winter for it. There is in all probability no house to be had at Topolobampo this is absolutely necessary in the rainy season but in the winter or dry season can build a brush hut to live in because there is no rain or wind at that season.

This is the most interesting region I know of unvisited, that I can successfully work in, because I cannot ride horseback any more, but there is a fine opportunity to

visit an extended water front by boat
and inland by team as they are to be had at
Topolobampo! The important question is
how can I make the plants pay the cost of
collecting. Any suggestions you may please
make, that will assist me, will be appreci-
ated. If I make the trip it is best that I
do it at the time suggested, because age
takes away strength, and it will be in all
probability the last journey, so I have
selected the desirable field of Topolobampo
that may afford good results.

Am occupied during my rest, putting
the notes relating to the various Mexican
journeys in order.

Mr. Coville & Rose will assist all they can
I wish to collect as full sets as possible of good
specimens, and only as many sets as will sell

Yours sincerely
Edward Palmer

Care of
Prof J. N. Rose
Dep Agriculture.

Washington July 27. 1894

D^r. B. L. Robinson.

My Dear Sir

I expect to start for the West Coast of Mexico in September.

The Department of Agriculture will give me a circular letter signed by the Secretary. It is considered of equal importance that I have a letter from your Institution

In Mexico letters of that kind have great weight with gentlemen, they do not like to take in to their houses or have anything to do with strangers unless they are properly recommended. In visiting places without Hotels or when a horse is wanted and none is to be had only from private persons then the letter will have the desired effect.

Yours Sincerely

Edward Palmer

Care of J. K. Rose.

Washington Aug 1 - 1895

Dr. B. L. Robinson

My dear Sir

I send you three packages of seeds to plant in your green house, they are numbered, so when you get your set of plants and see their parentage you will say they are worthy of cultivation - two are near Kim but differ in size and time of blooming.

Have been delayed some but to morrow commence to put the plants and seeds into sets - they are all subdivided ready and will not take long then the sets will be at once distributed, you will have the two first sets as you originally requested.

I am now thinking of going to the City of Orango Mexico should I be able to get off in time to make a collection before the dry season set in - It is a new field and a good one.

Care of J. H. Rose

Yours sincerely

Edward Palmer

Washington Aug 29-1895

Dear Dr. B. L. Robinson

As Mr. Rose is absent for a month. I forward the two sets of Acapulco plants you expressed a desire to have. The box marked set 1. is the most complete and is sent for your herbarium. It contains 595 specimens at 10 dollars per hundred, 59.50. Set 2 contains 555 specimens - 55.50.

Labels (extra) with instructions for set two are sent in separate envelope.

The extra labels are sent so that if a plant is without, the number on the right hand corner of the sheet can be added.

And in case the number of a label does not correspond with that of the corner the latter is correct when the plants were put on single sheets from the original packages.

There is numerous packages of seeds in the box. Look out that none are thrown away with the wads of packing paper.

Botanical division
Department of Agriculture

Yours sincerely
Edward Palmer

Set 2

Instructions to be sent with it.

In closed is a package of labels so that if any plant is without one you will find the number for it on the right hand corner of the sheet.

And if the number on any label does not correspond with that on the corner of the sheet the latter is the correct one being put on from the original package of plants at the time the specimens was put on the single sheets for distribution into sets.

As there is numerous packages of seeds between the bundles of plants take care none are thrown away when the wads of packing paper is discarded.

Edward Palmer

Washington Sep 17 1895

My dear Dr. Robinson

I am very grateful for your kind letter and to know the plants are satisfactory.

I have send your letter to Mr. Rose who is on his leave of absence at Liberty Indiana, and requested him to inform you about the families he wish you to determine my wishes for you to arrange the determinations satisfactory to yourselves, and then to publish a catalogue, so that the purchasers of the sets may have a copy a list of these will be left with Mr. Rose - Only two sets of the Acajule co plants remain on hand Canby is West and may take one the University of Minnesota has written about one

I am now trying to find out the best time to go to Durango Mexico, nothing in the Library here informs me about the winter climate and the likelihood for plants

have you any history of Mexico that give
any information about the winter climate of
Durango. Judging from sections visited
almost parallel am of the opinion there
is not much to be had in winter it being
not only the dry season but so elevated
that it is somewhat cold. My desire is
to go at the best time and stay long enough
to get a good collection of flowering
and fruiting specimens it being a new
field and in my opinion the most im-
portant one unvisited by a collector in
Mexico.

Cordially yours

Edward Palmer

P.S The Barber of your college has sent
the draft for pay of the plants, and
the receipt for the same is signed and
returned to him. E.P.

Washington City D.C.

April 25 - 1897

Dear Sir

I send to your address
one Box one bale and one
crate by Express. A letter
will explain - in a day or so

Truly
Edward Palmer

POSTAL CARD - ONE CENT.

United States of America

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.



D. B. L. Robinson
Botanical Garden
Cambridge
Mass

Washington April 29. 1897

Dr. B. L. Robinson

My dear Sir

I send with the box of plants
a bundle containing a mature plant of
Dasylarian from the lower part a strong
Liquor is made and after the spines are
removed from the leaves they are used to
make baskets - the plant accompanying
it the leaves are used to make
the mats on which the poor people sleep
and to form mats to cover the floors of the
largest rooms of the rich - in the crate
the longest stem of fruit belong to the
Dasylarian the other belong to the mat
plant I thought as you determine these
the fullest material should be sent you
there are botanical specimens in the collection
you will find a Catalogue in the box
the specimens are numbered ^{on} one ~~the~~ corner
of the sheet so that if a label gets astray you

Can identify it then the Catalogue is with you
so I hope all be easily corrected

In unpacking look out for the packages of
seeds which are wrapped in paper and tucked
about. You may find two packages of seed
marked 146 one is wild tobacco and easily told
mark that 166 - A fern marked 892 Change
to 962 - Had hoped to have sent the
plants before but it was a big job for one pair
of hands - the sets are all gone but two, these await
the determinations before delivery.

Am now looking up the future field
It may be Saltillo or Colesma neither have
been collected over in the rainy season
but I have gathered over them in the dry sea-
son, both are good localities - I rather
favour Colesma so as to spend next winter
at Panama or some contiguous place

Yours sincerely

Edward Palmer

Care of Dr. J. N. Rose.

Washington City Nov 8. 1897

Dear Dr. Robinson

Returning from Mexico called to see T. S. Brandegee of San Diego, he has in his garden a red pepper growing from seeds which I sent him from Acapulco it is much prized by the people for its keeping qualities and in cultivation is very ornamental and a bush near 4 feet high covered with numerous red fruit ^{is} woody and near 3 years old I send you a specimen today for your herbarium, will you please determine it and send the name to Mr. Rose or myself so a copy can be sent to Mr. Brandegee.

After leaving Dr. Rose at Mazatlan to return with Mr. Nelson I went to Colesma Owin to the excessive rain fall could not do much ^{and} because of frequent attacks of fever the doctor strongly advising me to leave which I did in August for Topolobampo Tlalcala near improve in health some but all together will not have

Three hundred species - so will not have
sufficient to pay cost

I am mindful of the uniform generosity
extended to me not only by yourself but by your
predecessors - which fact make me reluctant
to ask more of you - But several parties desire
a list of all the plants in their sets from
Acapulco and Durango. If you could
send me a list of the plants if only generi-
cally from these two localities - then I could
sell the sets on hand and square up my
accounts. There is one other reason why
I desire the lists. Some friends have suggested
that I make a collection in the most
desirable parts of Chile and stay two
or more years - what do you think of
that suggestion. I fear my strength is not
sufficient, unless the climate helps me.

Personally Paraguay would be my selection as
with the government Expedition of 1857 to that
country my first plants was collected but Bonpland
has been there - If we consider Peru in connection
with many of our Western states it may be good.

Yours Sincerely. Edward Palmer.

Jan 3

Washington D. C. ~~Dec 27~~ 1898

Dear Dr. Robinson

I have been for some time interested in gathering together from various places in Mexico the seed sold as Chia.

Chia seed is used to form a cooling and refreshing drink. Chia is mentioned by the old authors of Mexican history but very incorrectly. My wish is to write a paper upon Ancient and Modern uses of Chia in Mexico.

Please inform me if there is a *Salvia Chian* and where noted.

So far all the seed that have come under my notice and known as Chia are forms of *Salvia* with two exceptions these are forms of *Styptis*.

The seed of Chia obtained without botanical specimens was planted in the green house here and botanical specimens made from them. A number set of these is sent you for determination. You can retain the specimens, only send us your determinations, many look alike and in all probability have a common origin. As these seeds are sold from Acapulco to the City of Mexico.

Forms of Chia

(6) 18811 *Bolema* by purchase in the market but

was informed the seeds was obtained at
Zamora State of Michoacan in quantities

17759 — San Luis Totosi Mexico obtained at
the market

1778 — Nombre de Dios State of Durango Mex
obtained in the market

17756 — Monclova ^{State of Coahuila} Mexico from the market

17755 — San Pedro state of Coahuila Mexico from
the market but was informed that ^{it} was obtain
ed from the City of Mexico

17757 — Durango City, Mexico purchased in the market

17760 Villa Lerdo State of Durango from the
market

City of Acapulco by purchase in the mar-
ket the seeds sent to J. S. Brandegee San Diego
California and by him planted two different
forms of *Salvia* came up marked A and B

(A) This is a robust plant and like the other
Chias has blue flowers with blueish white
markings in center

(B) Small plant with delicate blue flowers
Chias from Bolema

18810 (F) Chias negro

Black seeded Chias this plant has
white flowers. The specimens are from plant
in green house hear and from seed obtained

at Golema Mexico where the seed can be had in quantities from native plants and by the Indians as the plant is cultivated as a crop.

Both Chans have a strong aroma of catnip

18810 Chan Blanco or white seeded the flowers (E) are white - the specimens sent are from the green house hear and from seeds obtained from the market of Golema. The seeds are to be had in quantities from native plants and by the Indians from cultivating it as a crop. All the forms of Chan have a wide commercial distribution.

In cultivating the Chans a confusion was made with the labels so I have added (a letter) so as not to astray.

18812 Chan Negro with black seed but (D) with lavender colored flowers the seeds are fathered with 18810 (F) and the distinction in the flowers and seeds only known by cultivation hear. The leaves have a dead green look or shading. There is only one black Chan in commerce in Mexico.

14754 Chan Negro

This Chan seed was obtained from San Luis Potosi Mexico from the Rev Geo. B. Winton who wrote that the seeds was obtained in the market under the name of chia

The leaves have a noticeable greenish ^{white} look or shading so has the leaves of Chan Negro
18810 (F)

I send a package of seeds - of the black and white Chans as obtained in Colima

A happy New Year to you all

Yours sincerely
Edward Palmer

Washington City March 7, 1898

My Dear Dr. Robinson

The last years plants collected by me have all been sold to the Department of Agriculture you will no doubt, be remembered in their distribution, I am now preparing for another which it seems to me ought to be the last trip for the work is more than I ought to undertake. Am afraid to undertake the journey with its expenses to Chile as to the Island you suggested would do but last summer the Tropical Fever so broke me down that I am now thinking of going to Saltillo state of Coahuila and the surrounding Country that Grey went over somewhat several years ago Am looking over his types with Dr. Rose. In connection with this trip I propose to visit several of the most important markets - to look after the seeds and other economical products that may be useful in the United States Are you making a seed Collection Mexico is a great Country for Beans - Peas, Corn, Red Peppers Ichia Palm

Seeds. Seeds of medicinal Plants and of some vegetables not known in the United States - as for plants used for medicine and tied up in small bundles every market has its local medical flora tied up for sale, then there is the barks and roots for all sorts of uses. If I can aid your herbarium in any way let me know. I am trying to get off at the last week of this month.

Yours Sincerely
Edward Palmer
Care of Dr. J. N. Rose.

Ordered
Full set
27 Mar
1899

Washington City D C
March 14-1899

My dear Dr. Robinson

The winter we hope has slid away off so I am putting my last years collection into sets. The plants was collected in the localities visited by Captain Greg many years ago author of Gregs Commerce of the Prairies my effort was to get his finds over again - mostly in the State of Coahuila. One locality in Durango.

I shall I send you a set as usual - Have commenced by making two type sets as complete as can be made one for you the other for National Museum - What is left to be put it general sets.

What do you think of the Island of pines for a winter collecting ground has any collections been made there

I may be detained here this summer as I for along am making a Catalogue of your set of plants so as to give you the native names - and the uses to which the people put them. Yours sincerely
Edward Palmer care of Dr. J. H. Rose.

Washington City March 30, 1899

My Dear Dr. Robinson

I send with pleasure the set of my last collection of plants. They are numbered on the right corner of the sheets the labels will be found top of respective bundles in some instances the plants are in the original double sheet because of convenience of sending and sometimes two sheets of the same plant will be found this was so as to give you full material. In two or three instances the original papers contain impressions of the plants properties for coloring or medical the best part of the sheets could be cut out and put in a pocket on the mounted sheet as proof.

I have put in the box some roots &c that I thought you would like

Yours sincerely

Edward Palmer

P.S. you will find catalogues on top of respective localities - for Saltillo will be found one for each month which seemed better than to lump them in one general period E.P.

Washington City D. C.

April 1st 1902

My dear Dr. Robinson

It may be news to you - but myself C. L. Pollard and William Palmer of the National Museum - The latter two having a leave of absence for two weeks so we went on a botanical excursion to Cuba, to collect in the Province of Santiago de Cuba, Commencing at Baracoa thence to Santiago - St Luis and Pinar. As this province had been but little botanically visited before we hope to have some good and desirable specimens - we have between four and five hundred entries. The sets will be made up at once and all the plants will be determined before the sets are delivered. And should you wish for a set you shall have as complete a set as possible. We are compelled to charge ten dollars per hundred owing to the cost of collecting the plants.

Many thanks for reviewing my list of new species - Ferns + grasses was not included. I have some day to visit Cambridge to thank you in person for the many favours received from you and your ~~associates~~ associates.

Yours Sincerely Edward Palmer.

Palmer's Mexican Plants
 1902 additions to 1st list
 by J. N. Rose.

- 255 *Gollisia repens* L.
 155 *Hypericum pauciflorum* H. B. K.
 117 *Viola flagelliformis* Hemsl
 135 *Tonocallis*
 167 *Silene lacinata* Cav.
 41 *Turnera diffusa* Willd
 230 *Cissus rhombifolia* Vahl
 232 *Vitis biformis* Rose n. sp.
 225 *Sapindus*
 57 *Rhamnus serrulatus* H. B. K.
 104 *Daucus montanus* H. & B.
 146 *Geranium Palmeri* Rose sp. nov.
 113 *Ribes neglectum* Rose sp. nov.
 60 *Prionosciadium Palmeri* Rose sp. nov.
 114 *Danea arguta* Rose sp. nov.
 125a *Alchimella subalpestris* Rose.
 125b " sp.
 125c " *velutina* Watson
 56 1/2 *Helianthemum Coulteri* Watson
 35 *Helianthemum* sp.
 56 *Helianthemum glomeratum* Lag
 445 *Tillandsia usneoides* L
 17 *Afave* sp.
 235 *Afave* sp.
 61 *Rhus pachygraphia* Hemsl
 52 *Smilax* sp.

Washington City Feb 7-1903

My dear Dr. Robinson

I have just return from Mexico making a visit to some special localities for new and rare plants, many of Economical importance.

Last two boxes may arrive anyhour, then the sets will be completed and for sale. I shall make but nine sets besides a bundle of Prof Sargent's specialties. Shall I have the pleasure of sending you the most complete set, There are several Labrias one a beautiful blue with roots like the Dahlias

There is boath a Hickory and a black Walnutt also the plant the roots of which are put into pulque to cause a complete fermentation and numerous other novelties.

As the Department of Agriculture has promised this fiscal year if possible or as soon thereafter as can be to publish my accumulation of plant notes it being desirable to include those of this journey. It will aid much if you could send us a list of names as early as is convenient to you.

Yours Sincerely

Edward Palmer

Washington City Feb 24-1903

De Dr. Robinson

In accordance with
Dr. Rose's suggestion and my own great
pleasure the fullest set of my recent
collection of Mexican plants is sent
you. Should you wish a copy from
any of the field notes please let us know
as they are turned over to Dr. Rose for gen-
eral use - send numbers you wish informa-
tion about -

In your package will be found
some Cactus preserves for you to see
what you think of them

Yours Sincerely
G. Palmer

Washington City D C
Jan 25-1904

Dear Dr. Robinson

The Department of
Agriculture is fast getting into form
my notes of Economic Importance
There is to be a discription of all the
journeys made. the number of plants as
far as can be made from published reports
showing the number of new species ob-
tained at each locality

I have no record of the plants collected
during my Florida trip. They were put into
sets at Cambridge have you come across
any records of that or any of my other of
my botanical journeys made by Prof
Watson he published in one of his papers
some new Florida species we have that
could you send us a copy of the label
upon your botanical specimen in your
Herbarium of *Bastalia flava* (*Nymphaea flava*)
it was first collected on my Florida trip
Yours Sincerely Edward Palmer

Washington City
Mar 16 - 1904

Dear Dr. Robinson

My old list of new
Species contained *Mammilla-*
ria Palmeri

And my new list *Cactus palmeri*
Boulter - This King St Louis
Coul settle the matter wrote, their
Answer is inclosed As we have
not the work referred to hear
our librarian thought you had
if so will you inform me if
I collected it when and where
the botanical number by whom
determined and in what work re-
corded (I can have only one *Mammillaria*
palmeri.)

Yours sincerely

Edward Palmeri

Washington, D.C.,

1905.

Dr. F. L. Robinson,
Gray Herbarium, Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

I have just returned from another journey
to Mexico and am putting up my sets of plants. As customary
I have set aside one of my sets for you. Do you care to
subscribe for it? The collection will contain about
specimens and will be worth \$10.00 per hundred.

Respectfully,

Edward Palmer

Ordered
16 Jan. 1905

Washington D.C.

Jan 23 - 1905

My Dear Dr. Robinson

I forward to you this day

A set of my Mexican plants 1904 hope
it will prove satisfactory. Its the collection
of my 74 year. By printers mistake the
date was left off the labels for Santa Maria
del Rio there is but few from that locality
so please enter June 21 to 23 - 1904 on your labels

There is but one plant from San Luis Potosi so
a blank label was used so write on it July 10 - 1904
Chojo grande Great Waterfall State of Coahuila
media Luna Half Moon Lake These two
localities not before visited the latter place
is near Rio Verde State of San Luis Potosi
at Saltillo but few plants collected there at differ-
ent dates by referring the numbers to your Catalogue
the dates will be seen necessary for the few labels
of this locality - I have marked the number on
the back of the labels as well as on the corner of
sheets. Please find in closed Bill for \$32.00

The box will be sent to day by Express with
the bundles of plants will be found one contain-
ing the Catalogues and extra labels another
seeds + to go with the plants.

It is so cold here that I should be pleased
to go to the ^{place} with plenty of sun shine and
flowers

Yours Sincerely
Edward Palmer

Washington City D. C.
Dec 4-1905

D^r. B. L. Robinson

My Dear Sir

As for many years it has been customary for me to send a set of my plants to the Gray Herbarium. I have generally written to you before hand but this time I have not done so but sent the set by Express - You will find among the novelties a fine Plane tree (button wood) in fruit from the Razon River

I have made you a field Catalogue to aid you in your work of identification it is with the specimens as some of the plants are cactus or of a coarse character I thought it better to put them in double sheets so as the better retention it may require a little care in unpacking them

The set contain 204 specimens

The bill is inclosed

Yours sincerely

Edward Palmer

Washington City
Oct 24-1906

Dr. B. L. Robinson

My Dear Sir

I wish to state that I have just returned to this City after having visited during the past summer. San Ramon 80 miles nearly due West of Durango City - Tepehuanes at end of Rail Road from Durango City - Tabar 9 miles S. W. of Tepehuanes - Otenapa 65 miles N. W. of Durango City - Tejamen 121 Kilometers from Durango City North 24 Degrees West.

These localities have not been before botanically visited. So hope there are many new and rare plants. As the cold of winter is coming on. Shall commence to morrow to put this years collection into sets that I may go to a warm place for the winter. And before sending out the sets of 1906 would like to send to the purchasers of last years plants a list of their names and in order to do so, could you send us a copy of your determinations of 1905 plants this will greatly accommodate me and enable me to escape the cold. And may I have

the pleasure of placing the name of the
Gray Herbarium on the list of 1906 plants
for the best set

Hoping to hear from you and
with my best wishes for all at the Herbarium
Remain

Yours Sincerely

Edward Palmer

Care of Dr. J. K. Rose

National Herbarium

Ordered
1906 set
12 nov.
1906.

Washington City D.C. Jan 4. 1907

TROPICAL AGRICULTURE.

Dear Dr. Robinson

A set of my 1906 plants
will be sent you to day and I think you
will find several novelties hope the set
will give satisfaction and hope still that
it will be satisfactory to you to work the set
up with that of 1905 so the list of boath
sets can be sent to Dr. Rose at the same time
this will enable a full list of names to be
sent to the subscribers.

I'm mounting the set you will find no 500
which has orange yellow flower - but I should
there be another 500 you will find on the corner
of the sheet 501 so please change the label.

I hope to leave here in a few days for Victoria
and Tampico State of Tamaulipas.
I wish to escape the cold here and if possible
to benefit my left arm which was hurt last
summer - a uniform heat being necessary for com-
plete recovery. This may be my final collecting
trip. Please find inclosed the bill

Yours sincerely
Edward Palmer

Care of Dr. J. N. Rose
National Museum
Washington City D.C.

Washington City D. C.

July 7-1907

My dear Dr Robinson

I have just returned from Victoria Tamaulipas Mexico One of the most difficult places I ever collected ⁱⁿ its not only very mountainous but you have to live so far from the mountains there being no dwellings you could stop at in the mountains and a conveyance suitable to reach the working ground cost one dollar per hour Mexican money your conveyance wait while you go and hunt until you are tired out and return to your Hotel to care for your treasures (Camping not safe) nevertheless I have some 500 entries mostly trees and woody plants among which are many novelties. Can I have the pleasure of sending you a set of plants from this intertropical region at the usual terms. I visited Gomez-Trariaz a village some distance by Rail Road from Victoria and where the vegetation was somewhat different.

The Contribution You kindly sent the
other day I see contain several new
plants of my late collections Thanks
And Doctor at your pleasure will you
forward us a list of your determinations
of the 1905 + 1906 Mexican Plants.

My trip tired me much but I have the labels
printed and am ready to commence putting into
sets

Yours Sincerely
Edward Palmer
Care of Dr. J. N. Rose
National Museum
Washington City
D. C.

Washington City Aug 20 1907

My dear Dr. Robinson

I have sent by Express a set of my 1907+ plants numbering 506 entries. It is sent without waiting your order because for so many years my sets have been sent to the Gray Herbarium.

They are at the usual price of 10 cents each. I have made a catalogue from the field notes for your reference, it will be found on top - Some plants are in double sheets and pinned to keep in the contents.

Please change a grass specimen 171 to 171½. That you will find many novelties is my opinion. Thinking you might be going over the last two years collections is my reason for forwarding this set before your order came, as in that event it might be more satisfactory to you.

Yours Sincerely
Edward Palmer

Care of Dr. J. H. Rose

National Herbarium

P.S. you will find a ball of soap see note with it

As this
set of plants
came from the
inter tropics the
might be advisable
to put the bundle in
the wooden vat to steam

Washington D.C.

Aug 20 - 1907

My Dear Dr. Robinson

The set of plants forwarded to day
is probably my last set my health
is anything but good and in the back
places where one must go for desirable
material, food is generally indifferent
and facilities for moving cheaply and safely
about are not to be obtained. None of
my trip pay the many expenses for
long journeys, the work of putting the
plants into sets on returning from trips
now that I am nearly 77 years old with
impaired health cause me to give up
the work commenced in 1853 as Collec-
tor for the Paraguay Expedition of the
U. S. under Captain Page - In order that
a list of the plants this and preceding two
years sent to you with the determinations
for the same years made here can be
compiled and sent to the subscribers
then my botanical work will be more
satisfactorily closed and I am grateful
to you for your great kindness and that
of your predecessors who for so many years
have aided in determining my plants collected

Yours sincerely

Edward Palmer

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 7, 1908.

Dr. B.L. Robinson,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Robinson,

I have returned from another trip to Mexico, this time having visited Chihuahua and vicinity. I had already been there but in the rainy season and it was hinted to me that I visit there in the dry season, which I have done.

I have in preparation a set of these plants which I am lsyng out with the hope that you will arrange for their purchase by the Gray Herbarium. There will be about 300 of them and I am offering them at the usual price, -10¢ per specimen.

Very respectfully yours,

Edward Palmer

*Receipt acknowledged
and referred to Dr. R.*

C.W.

Washington D.C. Sep 16-1908

D^r. B. L. Robinson
Gray Herbarium Harvard University.

Dear Sir

As it is necessary for me to vacate the quarters I now occupy and sending to the other Customers my 1908 plants collected in the dry season vicinity of Chihuahua Mexico. I thought it best to send your set by Express to day then on your return home you can overhaul it and hope it will be satisfactory. There is some noetics
Yours sincerely

Edward Palmer
Care of D^r. J. N. Rose
National Museum

P.S. Please find bill inclosed.

Washington D.C. Oct 25, 1908

Dear Dr. Robinson

I wish to state that as Mr. Safford has all the material desired for the report he is getting out based on my botanical explorations, except the determinations of the plants of later trips which you have. And if you will supply us with a list of these determinations at your earliest convenience the book can be made more complete and I will be able to make out lists of all the determinations of the later collections by adding yours with those made here.

Hoping these suggestions meet your approval. As I am desirous of supplying each purchaser of my sets, with as complete a list of the determinations possible.

I remain

Yours sincerely

Edward Palmer
Care of Dr. J. N. Rose
National Museum

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Nov. 29, 1910.

Dr. B. L. Robinson,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Robinson.

I am writing to let you know that my 1910 collection of Mexican plants is now ready for distribution. They were collected in the region of Tampico. The set I now offer you contains 452 specimens and if you desire it kindly let me know at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Palmer

207- 12th St. S. W.

*Ordered
30 Nov.
1910*

Washington City Feb 28. 1911

Dear Dr. Robinson

In sending your set of plants, a Catalogue of the field notes is sent you thinking they might aid in your determinations.

Some specimens are in double sheets for their better protection and safety

Hope the collection will give satisfaction. You will remember that Dr. L. B. Perry and myself went by stage from the City of Mexico to San Luis Potosi Mexico and made a collection of plants finishing Dr. Perry returned home and I made a horse back botanical trip to Tampico - Thence by three mast schooner to New York and Cambridge. Drs Gray and Watson on seeing the plants expressed a hope that Tampico would be again visited when getting from place to place was feasible. I have fulfilled my promise. And on Jan 12 - 1911 - 80 years will be my age. You will find a package in the box picture of a Tarpon fish and his scales they are now the new visiting Cards carried home by all that go to Tampico -

Two months and a half has passed
And your set, not sent, I have
been in the house sick. This has been
a very cold damp winter and set
in the ^{day} set for my going to the herbarium
to see to the shipment of your
set of Tampico plants. I hope to
morrow if the weather admit to go
and see your set at once sent
by express

Sincerely yours

Edward Palmer

207 12th St. S W